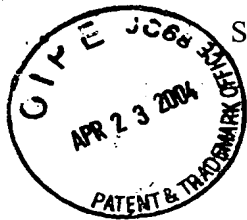


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following comments as set forth below. The Claims have not been amended.